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Sanctify Yourselves Therefore, And Be Ye Holy.

IS IT A SIN TO USE TOBACCO?

In the face of the scriptures, and after reading what professional men, who are supposed to and claim to know the truth, say about it, we are fully persuaded to believe that it is a sin to use tobacco. Isaiah 55:2 says, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread. Paul says, Cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting Holiness in the fear of the Lord."

Do you believe a man could perfect Holiness in himself, and use tobacco? I for one certainly do not believe he could. For Paul says, "Whatsoever ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. I do not think a man can use tobacco to the glory of God."

There are many people who claim to be Christians, who are bound with the tobacco habit, and claim it's no sin to use tobacco, but most of them will admit that it is a filthy habit. So, if it is a filthy habit, surely it must be a sin to use it. In the first place we spend our money foolishly, and for something that is worthless, and injurious to our health, and in many cases our families are lacking for things they actually need, but tobacco must come, regardless of their needs. And these same people who profess to be Christians, when called on for money for orphan homes or for any other good cause, will say, "I am not able to help for I can hardly feed my family. But they can spend from fifty cents to a dollar each week for tobacco, cigarettes and cigars."

Listen what Dr. Stokes says about the use of tobacco. We have said but little about the evil effects of tobacco, because we had not supposed it necessary. Everyone knows that tobacco is a vicious poison and most injurious to the human system. Henry Ford and * Thos. A. Edison are now waging a fight against its use, backed by some of the largest employers of labor in the country who will no longer employ cigarette fiends on account of their worthlessness.

Mr. Edison who has made an exhaustive chemical research of cigarettes says: "I find in addition to nicotine, that in the burning of cigarette paper there is formed a poison called acrolein which has a violent action on the nerve centers, producing a degeneration of the cells of the brain which is permanent and uncontrollable. I employ no person who smokes cigarettes, if I know it."

Tobacco smoke contains, besides acrolein, furfural carbon monoxide, and pussic acid, all of them deadly poisons.

Such men as Judge Lindsay, Connie Mack, Grantland Rice, Mike Donovan, Ty Cobb, Dr. Wiley and Hudson Maxim the inventor, have all gone on record against the use of tobacco, especially cigarettes. Hudson Maxim says: "The cigarette is a maker of invalids, criminals and fools."

If you think tobacco is not injurious, I only ask you to note these facts brought out in examining men for army service. Out of 67 graduates from medical colleges who applied to enter the medical department of the army, 43 were declined because of tobacco heart. What is tobacco heart? It is a condition of weak, nervous heart with irregular action, often accompanied by twinges of pain in the heart area.

Tobacco does injure the heart, nerves, stomach and eyesight. It dulls the sense of taste, and sense of hearing. Tobacco is especially ruinous to the sexual system. The sexual appetite is impaired and dulled; very frequently sterility and impotence occur, leaving the victim a puerile, pitiful wreck, never dreaming that tobacco was the direct cause. If for no other reason this ought to make the average man think twice before using tobacco again.

Tobacco injures the eyesight. Don't take my word for it. Send five cents to American Medical Association, Chicago, Ill., and ask them to send you a copy of "How Whiskey, Tobacco and Drugs Affect the Eyes." Read for yourself how nicotine affects the optic nerve and sight. Send to Henry Ford, ask for his booklet on injurious effects of tobacco.

You know that tobacco is hurting you and that it is a foolish and expensive habit. Tobacco is certainly a poison to your system. It is an injury to your health, your pocketbook, your personal appearance, to your family and friends. How would you like to

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THE BOOK

John C. Jernigan

Bible means, "The Book" and is the only book worthy of the name. It is the oldest one written, and the only book that man has never been able to learn and understand all its contents. It was written by about thirty-six chosen men of God during a period of about sixteen hundred years. Its authors, experiences and circumstances varied very widely, scribes and fishermen, farmers and doctors, judges and kings, learned men like Paul and unlearned like Peter and John, some in prison and poverty and hunger, others rich and at liberty, some in old age, others in youth, some on the mountain tops of victory, basking in the sunlight of God's love and favors, while others were in the valley of trials, persecutions and distress, yet they were inspired by the same God, moved upon by the same Spirit, and all wrote with the same aim and purpose in view without a single contradiction.

It tells strange, yet wonderful and true stories, of the blind restored to sight, the dumb made to speak, the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, the lepers cleansed and the dead raised to life. It contains the mind of God, the way of life, and is the only book that gives the original and true history of the life and works of Christ, the crucifixion, the resurrection, the ascension, the outpouring of the Spirit, the return of Christ, the Marriage Supper, the Millennium reign and eternity. It promises the sinner rest, the oppressed and tempted refuge, the sick healing, the forsaken friends, and those who are in darkness light. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, and decisions final. It tells of the surety of the judgment, the awfulness of hell and the doom of sinners, the glories of the Christian and the beauties of Heaven. Its powers are greater than all other books combined, even men who don't believe its sacred contents fear its judgments, and those who will not follow its precepts live in constant fear and dread of the end it describes. Through its teachings many lives have been reformed and their entire course of life changed. Disputes have been settled, business transactions have been delayed, nations brought to peace, and homes made happy, the rich brought humble and the poor blessed.

The best and most trustworthy people of all generations have accepted it, yet in their holiness they have not outgrown it. New books are constantly being written as a result of the increase of knowledge. Schools have been outgrown and new ones built, but among all the great Bible students and holy living people none have ever gotten so big or full of knowledge or religious as to outgrow the oldest book ever written. Even the most learned and holy have found help and consolation in it day by day. Therefore let us study it for knowledge, and practice it for safety.

Where The Spirit of the Lord is, There is Liberty

NORTON, Va.—On Nov. 15 we started a revival here. The service was conducted by Brother W. G. Rembert, pastor, and Brother J. W. Cress, evangelist. The Lord has wonderfully blessed and we praise Him for His saving power. "For the Son of man came to seek and save that which was lost." Luke 19:10. The devil tried to win but the saints held to the Lord until victory came. The power of God began to fall and souls began to want the Lord. Thirteen were saved, eleven sanctified and eleven received the Holy Ghost. We are praising the Lord for His goodness to many. The meeting closed Dec. 5 but the spirit of the revival is still holding out and people are still coming to the Lord.

Brother Land L. Vaughn, State Overseer, paid the church a visit Nov. 23 and preached for us. We enjoyed the sermon and we were more than thankful to meet Brother Vaughn and to hear the good news about the Lord he has to tell us. We are pleased with our district pastor, Brother W. G. Rembert. We have learned to love the children of God.

I ask all who read this to pray for me. Pray that I will get closer to the Lord and will become meat for the Master's use and that I will do His will regardless of the cost.—Your brother in Christ, A. J. Harding, Box 574.

THE ROSE AND THE LILY

(Owned by M. S. Lemons)

The rose in her beauty and grace is taken,
The lily white charmer's reed is shaken,
Each bound together like a bundle of myrrh,
And presented a trophy, sad hearts to cheer.

While in solemn tones the carols are sung,
Hearts from the mourners' seemingly are rung,
But the flowers bring cheer, a charm of grace,
Driving away tears from the sorrowing face.

The rose and the lily are left at the tomb,
To remind the mourner of a sweeter perfume;
To tell to each friend, at the open grave,
The ROSE and the LILY have power to save.

They bloomed together by the murmuring tide,
And they fell together along side by side;
They charmed each other in the sparkling dew,
They reminded the mourner of a land that is new.

Nobles bow their heads where the flowers lay,
And are left alone till the break of day;
Father and mother leave there their child,
But the rose and the lily linger and smile.

Don't boast but rejoice in that you are brave,
Your beautiful form will soon lay in the grave,
Not even a friend can bring you a cheer,
But the rose and the lily will linger near.

"I am the Rose of Sharon, and the Lily of the valley."—Jesus.

Virginia Will Move Revival Fire Is Still Burning

AUSTINVILLE, Va.—I am praising the dear Lord this morning for the good and holy way, for saving and sanctifying me thru His precious blood and baptizing me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I thank God for the five weeks' meeting that just closed here at Short Creek. It was conducted by our pastor, Brother I. H. Brabson, and wife. They surely did give out the Word of God. Five souls were saved and three filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints were all encouraged. One dear brother had gone back so far he would not come about the church but now he comes to church and surely is on fire for God. This was the best meeting we have had for eight years. The church would not begin to hold the people. At the close of the meeting we had the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues.

I thank God for sending Brother Brabson back here this year for our pastor. I think Virginia will move on. I also want to thank the dear brothers and sisters who came from other places to help in the meeting. I know God will bless them. I want all who read this to pray that God will have His way with me and that I will be ready when He comes or calls.

The devil is busy and sometimes gives us a round but thank God it is good for us. It just makes us stronger after we overcome. I am so glad we are serving a true and living God, one that never loses a battle, and I am so glad He promised never to leave or forsake us. Thank God for that promise.—A sister in Christ, Mollie Grimes.

Power of God Falling In A Wonderful Way

We are now stationed at Ft. Green Springs, Fla. as pastor. The Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way. People are praying through in most every service. This is a new church and the members believe in letting the Lord have His way. I don't believe I was ever at a place where there was as little opposition as there is here. It seems that those who have not received the Holy Ghost are hungry for it. We have a large church and it is packed full almost every service. We have a Young People's Endeavor and our young folks are on the job trying to get every young person in the community saved. Everybody join us in prayer that the fire will continue to burn till God can accomplish His will.

Should any of our many friends wish to write us you can reach us at the above address.—Your brother and sister in the Lord, H. B. Simmons and wife.

MISSIONS

E. M. Ellis

"JESUS THE GREAT MISSIONARY"

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2:5-8.

Was Jesus a missionary?

From the reading of the above verses we are bound to acknowledge that He was a missionary indeed. As my mind travels over this vast earth on which we live I behold in my imagination the seething masses of humanity burdened with the hand of depression. Many of them staring starvation in the face. Many of them have listened to the cries of their children for bread and clothes, yet unable to bring them relief, until they are almost ready to give up all hope and sink down into the great chasm of despair. They are tired of life and what it holds for them. Such people call friendship a fake. They have lost all respect for law and order. Some have attended church and found it filled with cold, backslidden, formal members who perhaps are none the worse than their pastors. Others have never heard a gospel message or the songs of Zion. They know nothing about Sunday School. They have never heard a real prayer. Oh my God! Who is responsible for this condition? It is true we cannot stop the hand of depression. We can't feed and clothe the millions of the earth who are in need but we can give to them the gospel of Jesus Christ which will prepare them for any and all circumstances of life. The text says, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Jesus left His home with all its comforts, with his angelic host, with a possession there that He thought it not robbery to be equal with God and humbled Himself to the extent that He was willing to take upon Himself the form of a servant, live in the world as a man. Yes, and more. He was the SERVANT of man. He was willing to suffer as a man. Yes and more than that. He suffered for man. He was obedient to death. Yea it was more than just death. It was the death of the cross. Yes I say again that Jesus was a missionary. And when He had just about finished His work here on the earth and was ready to be received back unto the Father He commissioned His disciples to carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. In John 17:18 you find these words, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." John 17:20 "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." Brother, sister, friends there is no way around it. The commission is on us. Jesus Himself placed it upon us. That prayer is just as much to us today as it was to those who were living in Jesus' day. In 1 Peter 2:21 you find that Jesus left us an example that we should follow in His steps. It is true all cannot go to the foreign field, all cannot preach but all can help in some way to carry this gospel to the lost. Let us all rally to the front with the missionary spirit and see our missionary work go over the top. We are responsible as an individual in sending this gospel to the poor perishing souls whose cries are ascending heaven's throne and God is hurling the cry back to you. Who will go? Who will give?

5. The Holy Ghost stands ready to apply the blood and execute the work of sanctification and witness to it. "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of that Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 1:2. "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Rom. 15:16. "God hath from the beginning chosen you through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." 2 Thes. 2:13.

6. Jesus and Paul prayed that their converts might be sanctified. "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are mine. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." John 17:9, 16, 17, 19. "Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thes. 3:10, 13; 5:23.

7. God commands His people to be holy. "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God." Lev. 20:7. "But as he which has called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." 1 Pet. 1:15, 16.

Victory Reported In Logan District

MALLORY, W. Va.—I thank God for giving us victory in this district since the Assembly. All the preaching brothers and pastors are doing fine and seem to be getting at their best. They are having good meetings in all their churches. We have fourteen churches in this (Logan) district now. Brother Raney set a new church in order at Simons last week. I also set a church in order yesterday with thirteen members in Lincoln County, W. Va. There are more to come in this district. I found a fine crowd of open-hearted people at this new place, Hubble, W. Va. If any good evangelist in good standing with the Church of God will write to me at Mallory, W. Va. I will give you work. We want to go over the top for Jesus and the Church this year.—I am yours for lost souls, H. M. Bates, district pastor.

HOLINESS--- SANCTIFICATION

J. B. Ellis

1. It is God's choice for His people from before the foundation of the world. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." Eph. 1:3,4.

2. It is God's will that we should be sanctified. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification. * * * That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." 1 Thes. 4:4, 5, 7. "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Christ once for all." Heb. 10:9, 10.

3. God has sworn that we might have the blessing and live the life. "The oath which he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." Luke 1:73-75.

4. The blood of Christ was shed to sanctify the people. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." Heb. 13:12,13.

"Of how much sorer punishment suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing." Heb. 10:29. "For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Heb. 9:13,14. "We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Heb. 10:10.

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8. The way to heaven is a way of holiness and but few find it. "And an highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness: the unclean shall not pass over it." Isa. 35:8. "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matt. 7:14.

9. The Bible tells us of people who had the blessing while living. "But now being made free from sin, and

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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GLAD TO BE BACK IN THE OFFICE AGAIN

We are truly thankful, and we praise God that He has made it possible for us to be back in the office again. We are also glad to report that wife is doing as well as could be expected. Please keep praying for her.

We are born into a world which pays few premiums to idle or lazy men. Providence seems to design that no man shall gather who does not sow and tend.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The subscription price for the Evangel is reduced from \$1.50 per year to \$1.25. Instead of 75c for six months it will be 65c. The price will be 35c for three months instead of 40c.

God did not take away the thorn from Paul's flesh but He did better. He gave the grace to overcome or master it. And I had rather master thorns in my own temple than to sit on the throne of another's temple.

Men move and march, and we must keep step, not with the world, but with such men as Peter, James, John and Paul, and forever be on the march. We are strangers and pilgrims, we are not settled and will not be this side of the Kingdom come. Every step that we have taken was in preparation for the next. 1931 was only one step in the passing of time and those who kept on the go marched right into 1932 with songs of joy and shouts of victory. The whole of life is one grand march and the best that life affords can be found in Christ and His Church.

In these days when spiritual fog gathers thick and heavy do not tear ahead, slow down the machinery of your life, no use worrying, trust God. Worry prevents Him from doing His best for you. If darkness overshadows you, distresses your heart, distracts your mind and you start running hither and thither, there and yonder, the Lord can do nothing for you, your effort will be in vain. The way of escape you will not find. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, is the divine order. Who is among you that feareth the Lord, and obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and stay upon his God. Isa. 50:10.

SCOPE OF CHRISTIANITY

A man buys a farm to raise potatoes, corn, barley, wheat, hay, oats, cotton and other produce. For some years he does this, but he discovers that there is some peculiar rock on the plot of ground. It proves to be fine building rock. This makes him more money than ten years of farming, but it all went with the farm, it belongs with the place. Then he discovers a vein of something that tells him that there is gold a little deeper. This increases his riches a hundredfold. On the other side of the farm he discovers oil. He did not know that there was fine building rock, gold or oil when he bought the place. The fact that he did not know that all this wealth lay covered by a shallow stratum of earth does not touch the question of ownership. When he bought the farm he bought not only the surface, but it was his just as soon as he cared to go, and everything that he discovers he has a

NOTICES & REQUESTS

If any one has the following songs I would appreciate it very much if they would send them to me. "Jonah in the Whale," "Anywhere is Home if Christ my Lord is There" and "Let the Church Roll On." I would be glad to hear from any of the young people in the Church of God.—Ruth Beale, Cedar Creek, N. C.

We are now on the battlefield. We are in south Louisiana at Holden at the present time. If there is any one in this part of the state who wants a meeting please write me at once. We are not able to help those in distress and those who can't get to church. We want to establish new work if there is any one in the following towns or any place near: Baton Rouge, Hammond, Natchitoches, New Orleans, Morgan City, Walker or any towns in south Louisiana or in the country write me at once.—J. H. Brooks, Holden, La.

To all the Churches of God and ministers in the Memphis District: As I have been appointed overseer of this district I will try and visit the churches as soon as possible. If there is any church that has not a pastor please let me hear from you at once. This is a large field to work in and lots to do so let all (the ministers) join hand in hand and work as we have never worked before. Pray that God will bless us. Prayer will change things.—Yours for lost souls, John R. Teague, 1236 Mississippi Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

To the ministers and churches of Georgia: I am taking this method of asking you to come up to the ruling of the Assembly on Missions. Every church raise in offerings five per cent of the amount of tithes paid in and send one-half to Brother E. J. Boehmer, Cleveland, Tenn. and the other half to Brother L. H. Rickerson, 1022 State St. N.W., Atlanta, Ga. This is a ruling of the Assembly and of course our standing with the Church depends on our loyalty to its government. Please look after this. I would like for the Church of God in Georgia to go one hundred per cent on every line this year. I earnestly solicit your cooperation in this good work.—Humbly, J. W. Culpepper, State Overseer of Georgia.

Church of God at Decatur, Ala. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Mrs. J. H. Boblmer, J. H. McBride, D. Wallace, R. Y. Maddox. If not heard from by the first of April, which will be our first conference, their names will be dropped. Write the clerk, W. Hamilton, 1707 6th Ave., E. Decatur, Ala., or the pastor, D. G. Hutto, Decatur, Ala., Albany Sta.

I want to hold services in the Church of God. I want to be in the work all the time. All I want is my fare and a place to stay. Any one interested write me. Please pray for me.—Eliza Kendall, Rosine, Ky.

SPECIAL NOTICE: There has been found a Bible and evangelist papers containing the name "Hays." The party didn't remember the first name when he told me but still has the things in his care and he says if the loser will write him he will send them to him. Write to R. L. Hays, Dunnellon, Fla.—B. G. Pomroy.

Dear Evangel family, I would be glad to hear from a Church of God farmer who has land to rent. I would like to be near enough to Church so my children can attend Sunday School. My father-in-law, W. A. Capshaw, wife and I belong to the Church of God. Please write terms.—Your brother in Christ, James Smith, Pruden, Tenn.

The Church of God at Thomasville, N. C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Brother R. C. Tedder. Let us hear at an early date.—Edna Allred, clerk, 9 Cates Ave., Thomasville, N. C.

Will Brother and Sister T. J. Crank in Kentucky please send me their address so I can answer their letter.—Ada McCrimmon, 319 Buckhorn St., Ironton, Ohio.

We will have our Preachers' and District meeting at Ranger, Tex., Jan. 23, 24, 25. We are a little late in getting it in the Evangel, however, we are expecting a good delegation of the preachers of the state present. Our main aim in this meeting is to work out a uniform system for our year's work relative to finances and evangelism. A State Board will be paneled to take care of everything ready for that. In fact, we will have already arranged a general program.—Your

right to say, This is mine. And because men in the past have not discovered some of the good things that we are now enjoying, and because they did not know just all that Christianity meant, nor what it could produce directly or indirectly, is no reason why these things did not belong to Christianity. The surface of Christianity is better than the depths of the world, and the deeper that one goes into it the more he will be heard to say, that even the reproaches of Christ is greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.

brother and servant, S. J. Wood, Overseer of Texas.

The Church of God at Logan, W. Va. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following names, and request that they write the clerk at Logan by next conference which will be held April 7, 1932, or they will be excluded from the church: Lizzie May, Mary Russell, Lula Quinton, Mable Morris, Hazle Hale, Dovie May, Julia Wallen, Opal Wallen, Olive Worley, Ella Hamblin, Ula Owens, Ida Davis, Sid Paris, Bethel Russell.—Yours, H. W. Carter, clerk, Box 1623, Logan, W. Va.

REQUESTS

Dear readers, please pray for us. We are in the midst of a revival in what is known as Smoke Holes. Thirty-three have already fallen in the altar for salvation and new ones are coming to the altar almost every night. Several have been sanctified and many are praying for the Holy Ghost. Please pray a special prayer that God will have His way and give real victory.—Your brother in Christ, J. M. Kile, Petersburg, W. Va.

Dear saints, the Lord healed me when I was suffering untold agonies so I know He answers our prayers. Please pray for my unsaved ones. By God's help I mean to go thru so pray for me that I'll ever stand true.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Jos. Cusworth.

I am praising God today for what He has been to us. I am saved and sanctified and I want all the saints to pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost and do what my Savior would have me do until He comes or calls.—Your brother in Christ, Willie Myers, Alma, Ga.

I request prayer for my ten year old boy. He has a weakened heart valve. He has been troubled with this for several years. He is also troubled with worms. His health is very bad and he also has the cigarette habit. I trust in God. I doubt nothing on God's part. I believe in the Church of God. I want you to pray for my husband to be saved, sanctified and to receive the Holy Ghost. May God's greatest blessings rest on the blessed Church of God.—Mrs. Sallie E. Clark, 404 E. McPherson St., Nashville, Ga.

I am afflicted in my body very bad. I am still trusting the Lord. I desire the prayers of the people at Headquarters and every one who reads this. I know the Lord can heal me of this. If He does not, I know He can take me to glory. I feel that I am ready to meet Him in peace.—Your sister in Jesus, Lucy Kephart, Lawton, Okla.

I request prayer for my little boy who has chills and fever and for a woman who has dropsy. The doctors say she can't live but the Lord is able to heal anything.—Mrs. S. M. Merritt, Ferndale, Fla.

We ask prayer for the healing of our bodies. We have something which has broken out all over us and we are afraid it is the itch. We don't know what it is but we are trusting God for the healing. Pray much for us. My whole heart's desire is to trust God.—A sister under the blood, Isola, Miss.

Dear saints, please pray for my mother. She thinks she has T. B. Also pray for the Lord to show me what is between me and the Lord that I don't get the Holy Ghost. I know it is my fault for I know it is not the Lord's will for any one to perish and I know that according to the Word of God Jesus is coming soon and I want to be ready so I want all to pray for me that I will receive the Holy Ghost.—Your sister in Christ, Annie Bell Williams, Nesboba, Miss., Rt. 1.

Dear readers, pray for our little girl. She has a very bad leg. She has already had one operation. The X-ray shows the bone badly infected so the doctors say she will have to have another operation and the bone will have to be taken out though we know the Lord can heal if we only pray the prayer of faith. We want all who see this to pray much for her healing. Also remember me. I was operated on four weeks ago for appendicitis and I am not over it yet.—L. E. Lofton and wife, Good Pine, La.

Dear saints, please pray for me. I am bothered with heart trouble. I know God can heal me. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and have a desire to see all others saved. Pray for my four month old baby. He is sick.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Lester Ratliff, Box 641, Forson, Tex.

I want you all to pray for my little girl. She is having fever. Do earnestly pray for her. I am saved and sanctified and I want the Holy Ghost so please pray for me that I will receive it. Pray that my husband will seek the Lord for I want my home to be a happy home.—Your sister, Mrs. Minnie DuBase, Nashville, Ga.

Pray for me to get the Holy Ghost and pray for my family to be saved before it is too late. Also pray that our church here will have a revival.—Your

sister, Mrs. McCook and family, Nashville, Ga.

There is a woman here who is sick. She is in a bad condition. We want you to pray a special prayer for her. I want prayer for myself for I am afflicted and pray that God will send laborers in the field of harvest. We need a man pastor here in this town.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. R. Minter, 400 E. 6th St., Plainview, Tex.

I want all the praying people everywhere to pray for the meeting here at Otter Creek, Fla.—B. G. Pomroy.

I am writing you requesting the prayers of every one who really knows the worth of prayer and what it means to be out of work. My wife and two daughters and myself belong to the good old Church of God at Monroe, Va. I have had a job for fourteen years on the Southern Railroad and on the 29th of Dec. I was cut off completely. I am ruptured too bad to do any hard work or lifting and I am a cripple in my arm so I can't raise it half way up.

I have two boys at home who are old enough to take care of my family of twelve. Please pray that God will open a way so they can get a job and take care of my family. We have five grandchildren here all under ten years looking for my help and they have just taken the whooping cough but we are trusting God for He is our healer. They haven't had any medicine since we got salvation nearly three years ago. Please pray God's will be done.—A brother in Christ, W. P. Jennings, Monroe, Va.

I want to thank God for healing my body of some kind of kidney trouble. I thank Him for healing two of my children of fever and one of my girls has some kind of breaking out on her hand. I am trusting God for it. I praise His sweet name. It is getting better. I want all who read this to pray for me to live a life in this world that would be pleasing to God. Pray that God will help me in raising my four children as my husband is dead and I am left alone.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Maude Cleuts, 409½ Wright St., Wilmington, N. C.

Please pray for my son and his family that they will get a desire to serve the Lord. I have a stronger determination than ever before.—Your brother in Christ, L. Rasmussen, Selma, Ala.

I ask all the saints to pray a special prayer for the healing of my dear mother's body. We trust in God and know He does heal. She can't walk. She has been that way about three months. Please pray for her that she may be healed so she can walk again.—I remain faithful to God and His Church, M. E. Whitten, Marks, Miss.

I want every one to pray for me that I may be healed of kidney trouble if it is His will. I know that He can heal for He has healed me many times before. Pray for my husband. He is a sinner and does not like this good way.—Your unworthy sister under the blood, Mrs. Nettie Massey.

I want all who read this to earnestly pray that the Lord will undertake. The Lord knows just what it is so please pray for me. Pray that God will heal my son.—An humble sister in Christ, Alice Mill, Easley, S. C., 5 Graham St.

I ask all the saints to pray for me to get back to the Lord before it is too late. Also pray for my husband and children to be saved. Pray for some Church of God preacher to come to this place and start a revival as there is no Church of God here.—From one who wants to live for the Lord, Mrs. George Brown, Grove, Okla.

Dear saints, God has called me to preach and has added me to His great Church. I am starting out on an evangelistic tour next week. I am a young evangelist and would like the whole Church to pray that God will bless my efforts and also heal my body. I have something like palsy. The devil fights me on this affliction. Thank God for Jesus and for His great Church. I am a member of the Church of God at Port Arthur, Tex.—Yours in His name, G. W. Kelly, evangelist, Houston, Tex.

Please pray for a very dear friend of mine who has some kind of fits. She has had them for eight years and no one but God knows how she suffers. She says she believes the Lord can heal her. She doesn't know anything about this way except what I have told her. Pray for God to heal her and lead her into the light of the truth. If any one feels led to fast and pray please do so.—Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. Pleas Richters, Colorado, Tex., Rt. 2.

I ask all who read this to please pray for me. I have been in bad health for about four years with my head and nerves. I know the Lord can heal and will so I ask all to pray for me and pray that I may be able to stand against all temptations of Satan and that I will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for my mother-in-law to be healed. She is in bad health, also pray for a friend who is suffering with her foot. Pray for my husband to get closer to the Lord.—Mrs. Callie Davis, Stewart, Miss., Rt. 1, Box 55.

GRANTHAM, Ja., B.W.I. — Dear friends, I am sending to you a request

HOLINESS — SANCTIFICATION

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become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Rom. 6:22. "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus." 1 Cor. 1:2. "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling." Heb. 3:1.

10. You can't get to heaven without it. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14.

The above groups of Scriptures give us ten Bible reasons for believing in holiness. Our next article will be "Sanctification, a Definite Second Work of Grace."

Revival Spirit Still Felt

GRAYS KNOB, Ky.—I promised our dear Lord and Savior if He would give us victory over the enemy here at this place I would write to the Evangel. Sometime ago Brother H. O. Kirk of West Virginia visited me and preached a few sermons and the revival spirit is going yet. The Lord has given us a house to worship in and a church set in order with twelve members and more to come in. Pray much that the dear Lord will prosper His Church everywhere. A Sunday School was organized and I believe we will have a good attendance.—One who loves the Lord, John Arrowood.

Great Prospects for Revival in Detroit, Mich.

DETROIT, Mich.—We are in the midst of a great revival which began Sunday night, Jan. 10. Twelve have received the Holy Ghost this week. Brother H. L. Whittington arrived here Tuesday. Three received the Holy Ghost before he came and seven since. God is working, the people are stirred and the interest is great. We are expecting the greatest revival this city has ever known. Brother Whittington's soul stirring messages are having effect.—Yours in service, Mrs. M. P. Cross, 6208 16th St.

for prayer for wife and me. We need your prayers, dear saints, for the Word says the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. We desire God's help, so dear readers, I ask you to lift us up to God. My wife is sick with a lame foot. She fell down over the river stone one night when going to meeting but thank God the devil did not capture us. She believes in God's Word and trusts Him for healing. She is saved, sanctified and baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost and fire. I do not have the Holy Ghost yet, so pray for me that God may give Him to me. We are passing thru deep waters. The devil has thrown many stones at us but I know that your prayers and by the help of God I shall prove a conqueror.—Yours in Christ, Geo. A. Powell, clerk.

NOTICE

Be Sure to Read The MISSION ARTICLE In This Week's Issue

HOME MISSION

Come all ye good brethren and the deacon here. How are you going to pay the preacher this year? You will not even give the preacher a dime. But just say, "Why don't he trade at Bridget's on time?" Then when the merchant begins to want his pay it's, "I don't understand why he doesn't trade at the Woodway."

Each one of you know from the first to the last. That it takes more than good looks to trade with cash. If each member here would give the Lord one tenth, Our preacher here at Christopher could rest in content. For he could always have flour, sugar and lard on hand. Then his wife could make biscuits or even fry ham.

I do not expect my preacher with his hands to work. While eight tenths of the members are trying to shirk; He must study the Word and consecrate himself too. So when he goes before God he can get his prayers thru. I believe every one who professes to have salvation Should help pay the preacher without an invitation.

Now folks, if you haven't got a dollar, give what you can, And you will get a blessing from God's own hand.—Composed by A. J. Engle.

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People Are Looking This Way

On Nov. 1, 1931 Brother L. L. Turner arrived at Lenoir City, Tenn. for a revival. The devil surely got mad because he knew that he had to work hard or great victory would be won for God and His church. Some stated they never saw the devil work harder in a revival but most of the saints held on to God and Brother Turner preached the Word close and with love in his old fashioned way as usual. Thank the Lord for victory. Ten were saved, nine sanctified and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. The good Baptist people and others would tell us they wanted the sweet Holy Ghost. Thank God for the friends the Church of God has at Lenoir City and for the honest hearted people looking this way. Any church would do well to get Brother Turner for a revival. We feel he is a real man of God. He gained many friends here this time. This is the third time he has been here for a revival. We would be glad he would come again as the Lord leads. Surely we want the dear Lord to lead. One who wants to do the will of God at all times, Mitchell Martin, 612 A. St., Lenoir City, Tenn.

Many Prayed Thru To Victory

NORTON, Va.—We are glad to say that many prayed thru to victory during this meeting and found the dear Savior precious to their souls. It started on Nov. 15 and we thought it closed on Dec. 9 but the revival spirit is still going on. There were fifteen converted, eleven sanctified, eleven received the Holy Ghost, ten were baptized in water and sixteen were added to the church for which we give God all the glory. The meeting was conducted by J. W. Cress, the pastor and others.—W. G. Rembert, pastor.

The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but once And no man has the power. To tell just when the hands will stop At late or early hours.

Now is the only time you own Live, love, toil with a will; Place no faith in to-morrow For the clock may then be still. — Sent in by Mrs. Daisy Snider, Box 641, Bristol, Va.

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The Lord Doeth All Things Well

LACOCHEE, Fla.—I want to thank and praise the Lord for what He has done for me and my family. Our little boy was very sick and the dear Lord healed him. He has better health now than he has had for sometime. I want to tell how the Lord healed me about three months ago. I took real sick. My husband was gone to Sunday School. I could just feel the dear Lord taking me home but it seemed like I was waiting on something and when my husband came some of the saints came with him. Just as they came it seemed like I was going. I thought the Lord was right there after me and I told them I was going home and to take care of our three children. I was anxious to go. I just felt so good and was so happy. I cannot explain how I felt but it was wonderful. The saints began to pray for me and the Lord spared me. When I came to my mind I was so burdened for the lost souls.

I want to praise the Lord for the two weeks' meeting we have just had at this place. Brother and Sister Shaw were in charge. The Lord surely did bless and we had a wonderful time. Three came into the church. There was some wonderful healing done. Please pray for us at Lacochee that we will be just what the Lord wants us to be. Pray for my unsaved loved ones. I want them to be saved and ready to meet the dear Lord when He comes or calls. We don't think it will be much longer and I am more determined than ever to go on.—Please pray for me.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Paul Yates.

IT'S SO

Mrs. C. C. Clark
In a little humble cottage,
On an eastern street it stands,
There is a little woman
Who belongs to the holy band.

She is the wife of a poor minister
Who goes far and wide each day,
While she is at home toiling for him
That in the work he may stay.

I know there are many mothers
Who are left alone as well as I,
But, dear sisters, just live true to
Jesus,
Some day we'll meet Him in the sky.

I was once so very afflicted
And sore from many a strain,
But Jesus sent the gift of healing
And relieved me of every pain.

Come on people lets quit talking
And live closer to God,
If we wish to live with Him,
And walk the path He trod.

Now is the time for signs to follow
All who will believe on thee,
The sick are being healed
And the blind are made to see.

The signs would be following
All our ministers of to-day,
If they would just quit backbiting
And began to fast and pray.

But unless you live right close to
Jesus
These sights you can not bare,
For it's only for His followers
And the ones who want to live there.

Successful Revival Just Closed at Lando, S. C.

LANDO, S. C.—I am praising the Lord this morning for this good and holy way. I thank the Lord for being justified by faith, sanctified through the precious blood of Jesus and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. I thank God for the good meeting that has just closed at this place. The Lord surely did bless. There were thirty-three saved, thirty-two sanctified, twenty-seven received the Holy Ghost, twenty came into the church and twenty-four are to be baptized in water. We surely do thank God for our new pastor, Brother Ben Sprouse. He has been here about a month and he surely has given out the Word in its fullness. The Lord is blessing in His work. I truly thank the Lord for the dear old Church of God. I'm glad because I am worthy to be a member. I really thank God for His mighty healing power. I'm glad because I can trust Him with my body too. Bless the name of the Lord. I desire the pray-

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Is It a Sin To Use Tobacco?

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have your mother, wife or sweetheart use tobacco? If it is good for you, why not for them. Do you want your children to use it? Can you honestly think of a single reason why you should use it? It is said that tobacco is a nerve sedative, a soother. That is all poppycock and you know it. Tobacco is a nerve wrecker, an irritant. I used tobacco for twenty years and know what it did to me, and I know what it has done for thousands of others. The championship of the world in rifle shooting was held by the Swiss for seventeen years, always by men who did not use tobacco. Nine years ago, and the following year, the championship was won by an American boy, my own son, who never used tobacco in his life. He broke all world's records because his nerves were dependable.

As to tobacco being injurious, I am going to quote below from a few unquestionable authorities for fear you may think I am prejudiced in the matter.

In fifty years no tobacco user ever won first honors at Harvard University, Henry W. Longfellow; Tobacco produces insanity, I am fully confident, Dr. Woodward, Supt. Mass. Insane Asylum. A man with a tobacco heart is as badly off as a drunkard, Dr. Bowditch, Chairman Mass. Board of Health; Tobacco causes blindness, Dr. George Critchell, London Oculist; Half of our patients are the victims of tobacco, Dr. Prince, Supt. Insane Asylum, Northampton, Mass.; I can tell the boy who uses tobacco by his absolute inability to draw a clean, straight line, Prof. Oliver, Annapolis Naval Academy; Tobacco is a poison, paralyzes the heart, produces hardening of the arteries and cirrhosis of the liver, damages the kidneys, causes cancer and general wreck and havoc throughout the body, Dr. J. H. Kellogg, Battle Creek Sanitarium, Mich.; The human body absorbs nicotine like a sponge. Anyone who uses it to excess will sooner or later lie on a hospital bed with cancer of lips, tongue, throat, stomach or liver, or perhaps broken arteries or defective kidneys, Dr. Joseph L. Conroy, Specialist, Cincinnati, Ohio. An excessive tobacco user may absorb as much as 8 or 10 drops of wood alcohol a day out of the tobacco. This may cause partial blindness, Dr. William Brady; The arch enemy of middle age and beyond is cancer. Cancer of the lips, tongue and stomach, is on the increase, as the habit of smoking is on the increase, Dr. William J. Mayo, Surgeon, Rochester, Minn.; Six of the officers under me died from cancer of the throat brought on by the use of tobacco, Gen. Nelson A. Miles; After exhaustive experiments we must come to the conclusion that nicotine poisoning causes arterial sclerosis, general nervousness, excitability, excessive worry, attacks of dizziness, high blood pressure, cancer, sleeplessness, loss of memory, defective eye sight, loss of sexual power and general loss of mental activities, Prof. G. Van Bunge, University of Basel; Tobacco causes high blood pressure by stimulation of the adrenal glands which control vasomotor tension of the arteries. Harvard Laboratory test have shown that on an average, the smoking of one cigar will raise the blood pressure ten degrees. If you have high blood pressure you can run the risk?

Some may think because we are warning people against the use of tobacco that we are meddling where we have no business—but that is not the purpose at all—we do it for the interest we have for our fellowman. It does not cost us anything, nor does it hurt us for people to use tobacco, but it does hurt them—therefore for the love and interest we have for their welfare, it is our duty to try to show them its evil and harmful effects, and warn them against its use.

Now if these men know what they are talking about, and have given facts concerning the use of tobacco it ought to be convincing proof to any sound thinking person that it is a filthy and expensive habit, and is injurious to the health, and if this is facts it is a sin to use it. Therefore preachers in every church ought to preach against its use, as well as all other sin. And expell it from the church.

* This article was sent in before Mr. Edison's death.

GEO. P. PARISH

God Is Still Blessing In Tarboro, N. C.

We have just closed a revival with success. The meeting began the fourth Saturday night in November with the pastor in charge. The Lord did wonderfully bless our souls. We haven't got a church building here. We have to worship in the homes. We had a seven days' meeting and the Lord wonderfully blessed. He met with us the first night. One received the Holy Ghost. The power fell. Saints were made to rejoice. Eleven were saved, ten sanctified, seven received the Holy Ghost and three were added to the church, with others to follow and the Lord is still blessing in prayer meetings. Brother John McDowell from

ers of all who know the Lord. Pray for me that I will stay humble at the foot of the cross and be found doing just what God would have me do. Pray for my unsaved husband that he will be saved.—Your sister in Christ, Monteen Bigham, Lando, S. C.

People Hungry For Salvation

MACON, Ga.—Dear friends, I am sure you will be glad to hear how the Lord is blessing in Macon. Without any special effort on our part except to pray the Lord has started a revival here. Souls are being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost almost every night. Fifteen have received the Holy Ghost in the past nine nights. Twelve followed the Lord in water baptism and nineteen were added to the church last night. The enemies of the church are at work but our pastor and several of our members take a bold stand for the whole Bible right divided and object to any doctrines of men or devils being preached in our meetings. The Lord is blessing our efforts to give the people the whole truth. The building would not hold all the people last night and there was not room enough at the altar for the hungry souls seeking the Lord. The revival will continue as long as people come hungering and thirsting for a salvation that saves from sin and causes them to walk in the light of God's Word. Please join us in prayer that eternity alone can reveal the good accomplished here for lost souls and the church.—Your brother and servant in the Church of God, R. L. Bradford, clerk, 627 Main St.

We Should Press Toward The Goal

CLEARWATER, Fla.—As it has been quite a while since I have written to you I feel impressed to write and tell you I am still in the battle for truth and right. I feel the presence of the mighty Holy Ghost abiding in my soul. I have had a real good year in the Master's service. We had some good revivals. I preached five weeks near Brooksville and I believe about twelve received the full blessing. Of course others claimed to have received Him but you know some fish spoil mighty quick and it was the case with some of these. We preached three weeks and three days in the court house at Brooksville. Not much good was done there that we could see but yesterday I received a letter from a Church of God preacher who attended this meeting and he says he is now saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We believed all the time he was a sheep. While this brother is getting old, yet if Jesus tarries I believe he will do some good work for the Church of God. Two weeks ago we closed a five weeks' meeting here at my home town. I believe fifteen claimed the blessing in this meeting, however, some of these spoiled before we could string them but among the number who received the blessing was a young Methodist preacher and his wife. They received the Holy Ghost and are on fire for the Lord. We give the Lord all the glory for what has been accomplished. Dear saints, I believe if there ever was a time we should forget the things that are behind and press on toward the prize it is now. It seems we can almost feel the midnight darkness hovering over this world and oh, so many souls are in darkness. I believe we should do our best to get the gospel into all the new fields we possibly can for there are a few in every place who would walk in the light if they could hear the Word. We still have prayer meetings here in Clearwater and last night the dear Lord blessed in a wonderful way. One was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and another sanctified. Every one who reads this please pray that we will see a Church of God in this town soon.—Thy sister in the Master's service, Lula L. Jones, 709 Garden Ave., Clearwater, Fla.

GOD IS A TRUE FRIEND

I am praising God for the wonderful services we have been having here in the Rio Grande Valley. For the last three weeks we have been having a revival and no two of the services have been alike. Bless God, the Holy Ghost certainly is wonderful and has done some mighty manifestations thru His gospel here. Glory to His blessed name. Some are seeking the Holy Ghost. Several have been saved and sanctified and seven came into the good old Church of God and there are many more looking this way. We went to Edinburg and held services there for one week and a half in the Assembly of God building. Their pastor turned the building over to us at first but when the power of God began to fall we were turned out of the church. But praise God He has given us a large gospel tent and we are now about to set the tent in Edinburg and start to fight the devil in the right way with the Two Edged Sword. We want every member of the Church of

Carolina was with us and did some of the preaching, also Brother H. E. Pinkham preached for us one night. The saints were greatly encouraged to press on. We earnestly desire the prayers of all the people of God that we will be able to get a church here so we can accommodate the people. The attendance is so large we do not have room for them in the homes. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless our souls and that we may let our light shine out so that sinners may see the way to Christ.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. G. Perry, 208 Poplar St.

I'm One of Them

I'm glad that I can say I'm one of them who found freedom thru the blood of the dear Lamb of God. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the good Holy Ghost. I have been in the way and the way in me over four years and I am not the least bit tired but I am greatly determined to be humble and stand true. I have a boy who will soon be twelve years old and I want every child of God to pray that God will really bring him to the fold. I realize he will soon be old enough to stray off in sin. I want him to be one who remembered his Creator in the days of his youth. Praise the Lord. He still answers prayer for the faithful few in Frost Proof. We have a church here now. God is wonderfully blessing. Precious souls are weeping their way thru to victory. Brother Williams is really feeding the hungry souls at this place. Several have received the Holy Ghost. Lately we have been having prayer meeting three nights a week. We have crowds and good interest is shown. We are expecting God to open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing that we will not have room to receive. There has been healing done thru the mighty power of God here in Frost Proof. The eyes of unbelievers are being opened. Please pray for our little band here that we will stay just where He can use us to His glory. I want to ask every child of God to please pray for my cousin, Mrs. Sybster Wilkins of Ft. Green, Fla. She is suffering the pains of death almost from a cancer and we know God is able to make her well if it is His will. If not let's pray that she will be able to meet the Lord in perfect peace. I ask you readers to especially pray for me that I may always be a light to those who roam in darkness. Wherever I may be I want to be a true follower of the Lamb.—Your sister under the blood, Belle Godwin.

Revival to Start at Greenwood, S. C. Soon

GREENWOOD, S. C.—I want to praise the Lord this morning for what He is to me. This morning still finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord is blessing the work at Greenwood. We have a nice new church building here. The first service held in it was Aug. 8, and we only owe one hundred and twenty dollars on the building. We came here Oct. 25 and took the work. The Lord surely has blessed the work. Our Sunday School has doubled itself and the church is getting along just fine in every way. We have some true blue Church of God folks here. They stand foursquare for the Church and its teachings. It is only a small work at the present time and we want each one who reads this to pray that the Lord will bless this work and give us many new souls. Most all the people seem to be interested and are looking this way. We are expecting to start a revival right away with our State Overseer, Brother H. L. Whittington, in charge. Please pray that the Lord will give us a good revival. We are looking for this to be one of the greatest years for the Church of God in history. Pray for us and the work here at Greenwood.—Your brother, J. C. Brooks, pastor, 305 Parker St., Greenwood, S. C.

Wonderful Power of God Manifested

I have just closed a successful revival at Columbus, Ohio. I want to state first of all that the revival spirit was already on and the saints in unity. They love their pastor, Brother F. W. Rollins, and work in perfect harmony with him. Our biggest problem was, to house the crowds. God worked in such a marvelous way that one sister who had been fighting tongues as evidence of the Holy Ghost was knocked from her seat as if she had been struck down under the mighty power of God and received the blessing. She is no more a fighter, of course, but a believer. We had every class of people there and about a third of the congregation were Roman Catholics. Even the priest turned out to hear the ex-Catholic preach. My Roman Catholic father attended this revival and raised his hand at various times for prayer but of course he is yet unsaved and fights holiness but many times while the Holy Ghost helped me preach he was moved to tears.

Among those saved was my Roman Catholic sister who was saved and sanctified, also became a member of the Church of God. Every Christian who knows the worth of prayer please pray for her. If dad finds out she has left the Catholic faith he will put her in a convent. She is only fifteen years of age and they have already noticed the change in her life but she doesn't

God everywhere to pray a special prayer for the church at Alamo and each of its members. We know that God is a great God, and is capable of doing great things and we are expecting Him to do marvelous things in this valley for the Church of God. Glory! I know that He is able to do these things and He will too, if His children will only stay humble at the foot of the cross where God can use us. Pray that we will be true to the dear Lord in all things, bless God. I know that He is willing to work thru His people if we will only stay submissive to Him.—Yours in the Master's service, Mary Roberts.

God's Blessings Poured Out in Middletown Revival

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio.—A revival is now going on here with Brother Messer from Pittsburg, Pa. in charge. There have been about forty-five saved, thirty-five sanctified and twenty-five or thirty filled with the Holy Ghost. I want to say that this has been the greatest revival that has been in Middletown for a long time. Brother Messer is one of the best evangelists I have ever met. He surely is a consecrated man of God. Brother Messer has got the message for the sinner. We have a building here that seats about three hundred and fifty to four hundred people and the seats are full all the time. On Sunday night there are about fifty people standing in the aisles. The people here surely are stirred about their souls. There have been about thirty at the altar every night. One Sunday night, the thirteenth, there were forty-two at the altar. This revival has been going on four weeks. Please pray that God will continue to save souls at this place.—Your brother in Christ, D. M. Hilton.

The Lord Always Comes In Time

BENTON, Ill.—We thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother G. P. Gower, who came here Oct. 18 and on Nov. 14 started a revival and certainly did preach some soul stirring messages that were a wonderful uplift to the saints and convicting to the sinners. But of course the devil is always on the job and tried in every way to prevent people from seeking the Lord. On the twelfth night our dear Lord, who always comes in time, dealt with the people in such a way that they began to come to the altar and found that Jesus would do just what Brother Gower told them He would do. Fourteen were saved in the three weeks' meeting, some few were sanctified and sixteen came into the church. Our crowds were so large that our building would not begin to take care of the people, so we, thru prayer, decided to discontinue our meeting and build onto our church which when it is completed will seat five hundred people.

We are looking forward to a greater revival than has ever been in Benton. Pray for us that this will be a great soul saving station this year and that people will open their ears to the true Word of God and accept His promises.—Harley Chaplain, clerk.

Revival In Progress At Harlan

HARLAN, Ky.—I want to thank God for what He has done for us here in Harlan. We have on a few nights meeting here at this place. Three have been saved and one got the Holy Ghost. The altar is full every night. One man eighty years old is seeking the Lord. I want every one who reads this to pray for them that God will give them the Holy Ghost.—Yours for dare tell it at home, but they attribute the change to her being my constant companion while in Columbus. Several were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the great Church of God.—Yours for lost souls, Helen L. Morrow, Box 166, Hamilton, Ohio.

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Feasting On God's Blessings

JACKSON, O.—I will write a few lines to the paper in regard to the church at Wellston, Ohio. I can say that we have as nice crowd of respectable folks as any church can get out to service. This church at one time was on fire for God but the church went down. Last February my wife and I had been praying about this place and God heard our prayers. We secured a building that would seat about three hundred people, got it well seated and started a battle against the devil and his force. We surely did have a fight. The enemy said we could not stay long but we are there yet, praise God. Jesus was our Captain and God gave us a few good soldiers as helpers. They were bold and brave and stood for the truth. They were willing to work any place. As we began to fire the Gospel to them they began to go. One man said, "Brother Dillinger, your preaching is all right but just a little too straight for the people, keep it up." Now the house is filled almost every service night. In the meeting we won the victory and went over the top for Jesus. Thank God! Well glory, I feel His presence now. A church was set in order with eighteen members. Brother C. B. Huff, then our district overseer put me in to pastor the church. Having to work some to support my family we did our best. Now we have twenty-three members and I am proud of every one of them. When I was at the Assembly I told Brother E. Haynes, our State Overseer, to get some one to go to Wellston. It seemed like no one would go. Of course finance was not very plentiful so it just fell on me to take the place. I came back feeling a greater responsibility than ever before. I was not much of a preacher but by God's help I would do my best. I told my wife we had taken the church for the next year. We would cry awhile then pray some. It seemed that God was pleased. The members have a greater zeal and we are all working together. We have a good Sunday School with a good superintendent and good teachers and we are coming to the front. The people seem to be more interested now than ever before. Last night we had with us a United Brethren preacher and his wife, also a preacher. We had a wonderful service. The power of God came down in such a way that we had dancing, talking in tongues, shouting and one young girl sang a song "You'll Wish You Were One of Us By and By" in tongues. This was fine. One sister shouted and was dancing with her baby in her arms. This United Brethren preacher's wife began feeling so good that she fell on the floor and lay there for quite a while under the power of God. She testified that she felt better than she ever did before. Oh! such love and unity among the saints. We had good music and singing. We have some good musicians that play and sing for the glory of God.

One man who is a cripple went to the altar to be sanctified and the Lord sanctified him. He shouted and danced and it did not look like he was crippled. We just turned the meeting over to the Holy Ghost. We had another preacher with us who got up and told the people to be very careful and not speak anything against it for it was the power of God. Our men folks can shout too. We have a good man about seventy years of age who can dance for the Lord just like a young man. I have not told you the half but you know by now that we are having a time with the Lord. We are expecting to begin a revival here about the 27th of Dec. Remember us when you pray. Anyone passing this way stop and see us. If Brother and Sister E. Haynes, our State Overseer, can visit us stop at the little white house in the country called the Church of God. —Your brother in the Master's service. —Herschel L. Dillinger, evangelist, Rt. 6, Jackson, Ohio.

Battle Pitched Against The Enemy

I want to praise the Lord for a deep desire in my heart to go all the way. I also want to praise Him for the way He blessed in a meeting held at Lawrenceville, Ga. by Sister Maud Largin and Sister Carrie Kalb. They launched a battle against the enemy seemingly with everything against them but they prayed and God worked and caused the officials of the town to turn the city hall over to them free with seats and lights included. We had the pleasure of being in a few of the meetings during the three weeks and it was wonderful how the people would listen in open-mouth wonder to the soul inspiring messages given out by Sister Largin and Brother G. R. Watson of Atlanta. Truly every one enjoyed Sister Kalb's singing and exhortations. It was a new thing in Lawrenceville, Ga. but the people are interested. Surely the fields are white unto harvest there. Some of the people are inquiring already how to get into this church. Every seat was taken and standing room was a premium at most of the meetings. Six were saved, three sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost and there were two wonderful healings. On the last Sunday night service half of the congregation came up for prayer. Surely God will send some good Church of God preachers to establish a church and to get the people lined up. Let's every one pray that God will continue to bless Sister Largin and Sister Kalb in their ministry and give them souls for their hire. Anyone in need of real preaching wouldn't make a mistake by getting them to have a meeting in your church. —One who loves them and appreciates their efforts, Miss M. Broom.

Good Year for Bridgeport District

LARKINSVILLE, Ala.—As overseer of the Bridgeport District I will say this has been one of the best years in the work of the ministry. We have gotten along fine I think. We have had some good revivals too. Our first meeting was held at Helicon Church in Winston County, Ala. The meeting began there on Saturday night before the first Sunday in August with Brother J. M. Hartline assisting. He surely did preach some wonderful sermons. I am sure the dear people down there will want him back again. We surely did have a wonderful meeting. Five or six were saved, about five or six sanctified and six or seven received the Holy Ghost. The church was revived and we left the saints shouting the victory. God bless them.

From Helicon Church we came back home and began a revival at our home church at Pikeville, Ala. with Brother J. M. Hartline still assisting. He surely did preach some wonderful sermons here. We had a wonderful meeting. About twelve or fifteen got saved, about fifteen got sanctified and twelve or fifteen received the Holy Ghost. Some got reclaimed, thirteen were baptized in water and nine came into the church. The Lord surely did bless us here.

After the meeting here we started a meeting at Soda Bottoms four miles from Larkinsville. We found a hungry band of people here. The dear Lord surely did bless us. Two were saved, some sanctified, six received the Holy Ghost, five were baptized in water and five came into the Church of God. After this meeting we held a few services at the church at Letcher, Ala. The meeting was not as successful as the other meeting due to the fact that most every one was picking cotton. They were tired and worn out. But I will say that this church is moving along good. We are having some good meetings up here. I am glad to say we have gained fourteen members this year. This is a needy field for more God called ministers. I can't go over half of this district. I am the only Church of God minister in this district. I am sure if we had more help

Deaths

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." —Rev. 14:13.

HARVEY

On Dec. 5, 1931 at Christian, W. Va. the death angel visited the home of Sister Rosa Harvey and claimed her companion, Van Harvey. He was sixty-nine years and a few days old. He was sick only a short time but bore it with patience. He didn't belong to the Church of God but believed in it. He was saved a few hours before his death. Eleven days from that day the death angel called one of his sons, Wirt Harvey. He was thirty-eight years of age. He was a World War veteran and had been afflicted ever since the war. Mr. Harvey leaves to mourn his departure his wife, three daughters, three brothers, two sisters. Wirt leaves to mourn his departure his wife, one son, three brothers, three sisters, mother and many other friends. Their bodies were laid to rest in the Verner Cemetery in Mingo Co. to await the soon coming of Jesus. The funeral services of each were conducted by the pastor of the Church of God, Van Browning, he being also relatives of the men. —Sent in by a friend, Beulah Browning, Christian, W. Va.

BROWNING

On Dec. 16, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van D. Browning and claimed for its victim our infant daughter, little Ruth. She was only seven months and five days old. Her stay with us was short. She was sick thirty days with brain and spinal trouble. She leaves to mourn her departure her father, mother, one sister and two brothers. We can't understand why we had to give her up so soon but God only knows what is best. Her little body was laid in the Home Cemetery in Mingo to await the coming of Jesus. —Sent in by her heartbroken mother, Mrs. Van Browning, Christian, W. Va.

NELSON

The death angel visited the home of Gertrude and Oscar Nelson on Oct. 11, 1931 and took their little daughter, Hilda Hartence, to be with Jesus. She was born Feb. 17, 1931. Just a little bud on earth to bloom in heaven. Father and mother, weep not nor be sad as those who have no hope but be prepared to meet her in heaven. —Written by one who loved her, Luttie Ledford.

HERRING

On Dec. 16, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Sister Addie Herring and took away her loving little boy, B. T. Herring. He was ten years of age. He leaves to mourn his death a mother, one brother, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends. We regret very much to have to part with him but we look to One who knows best. —An affectionate sympathizer, R. E. Lovell.

KNEAD

On Dec. 8, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Knead and took their only darling boy to be with Jesus. Junior was two years old, a bud to bloom in heaven. His death was a shock to all as he was sick only a short while. He leaves his father, mother, one sister and other relatives to mourn his departure. His funeral was conducted by Brother Ralph Koshwitz and his body laid to rest in the Presbyterian Cemetery to await the resurrection. Dear bereaved ones, let us so live that we may all meet Junior some day never to part again. —By one who loved him, Sister Koshwitz, Williamsburg, Pa.

SMITH

On Dec. 7, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Elzie Smith and claimed for its victim his loving wife, Sallie. She was born Sept. 5, 1900, age thirty-one years, three months and twenty-eight days. She had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, one child, two brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Leroy Alderman, assisted by Brother Martin Baldree and the remains laid to rest in the Oak Lawn Cemetery. —One who loved her, her sister-in-law, Nellie Roberts, Plant City, Fla.

SIMS

Little Billy Troy, ten months old baby of Brother and Sister L. G. Sims of Cleveland, Miss. left this world on Dec. 4, 1931 to be with Jesus. He was a sweet baby. After being sick about two weeks God saw fit to take him unto himself. His parents trusted God to the end. His little body was laid to rest in the Cleveland Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. —P. F. Fritz.

another year there could be a good work done here for God and His Church. I am trusting the Lord will send us more good old time Holy Ghost preachers who are willing to work for lost souls. We are poor but thank God we have some pure sanctified people here that must go thru. I ask all the dear saints to pray for us. —Your brother in Christ, J. F. Wilkins, district overseer, Larkinsville, Ala.

Upward And Onward

I don't know whether upward and onward or onward and upward would be best for this title, but be that as it may, I am going on with the Lord down here and up when He comes. The way God is blessing here is talked all over town. Back in the summer the pastor, Brother Zeno C. Tharp, decided to start a revival to run perhaps two weeks but instead of running two weeks, it ran six weeks and instead of the usual ten or fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, there were one hundred and ten, not counting children or backsliders. And instead of the usual five or ten uniting with the church, ninety-six came in. Think of one hundred and ten new people who had never known the way! O praise God! The Church of God is steadily and surely rising. People are looking this way who a few years ago would have thought it a disgrace to be seen at the church.

Well the meeting finally came to a close and eighty-seven followed the Lord in water baptism. But wait, that meeting did so much good and the people of God were so fired up and gained so much headway that they reminded one of some of the great battles of the war. The commander would say to his men, We want to take a certain place, but when the boys got to fighting and all going together, their strength was greater than they had thought and they just kept going on and on, sometimes miles further than the plans called for. That's the way it was here, just got the devil on the run and couldn't stop. The one big difference between us and the army is when our commander called a halt he couldn't keep it halted and it was not long till we opened fire again and a great wedge was driven into the enemy's ranks. Another halt was called but every time the army gets together we have a battle royal with the devil. Thanks be to God, the enemy is being driven back. Just think, this church has more than doubled in the last year. We have a building 40x60 and if all the members were to come at the same time, there would hardly be any room left for any one else. However, don't think that this church is to be praised. We thank God for it all. He leads, guides and gives us blessings all along the way. Our pastor is due a lot of credit, not so much for the great preaching he did during these revivals, but because he lives close enough to God to know when not to preach. When the power came down and the Holy Ghost began to work Brother Tharp would close his Bible and make an altar call and that makes a lot of difference. But thru it all we want to remember that this is not the only place that God is blessing, but He is blessing everywhere and every one who will call on Him.

As I said before I say again, Onward and upward till Jesus comes. People can knock and talk but the Church of God is rising and shining. Hallelujah! More than fifty have received the Holy Ghost since the Assembly and about that many have come into the church. Pray for us here at Greenville that we will all hold on till He comes to claim His own. —Your brother in Christ, G. L. Wilson, 212 Lady St., Greenville, S. C.

The Angels Were Made To Rejoice

OCONEE, Ga.—I thought I would send in this report as I have been praying and working so hard for some time for the salvation of the precious souls of this place. Last Saturday God sent Brother Edwin Henson over and we fought hard. Satan got mad but thank God the angels were made to rejoice for seven testified to being saved, sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost. One received the Holy Ghost at home that night after meeting. He seemed very happy. Surely he did get the blessing, praise God. Surely the angels were rejoicing. Two came in the church and others expecting to come in soon. May God's best blessings

HUTCHISON

On Dec. 26, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Brother Hutchison of Carmi, Ill. and claimed for its victim his wife, Sister Nora. She had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. She was thirty-six years, four months and eleven days of age. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, a foster son, her father, four brothers, three sisters and many relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by the writer assisted by Brother Willie Bratton at the Church of God at Carmi and her body was laid to rest in the Blooming Grove Cemetery to await the great resurrection morning. —T. J. Milligan.

THOMAS

On Dec. 4, 1931 the death angel came to us and claimed for his victim our dear Brother Joseph Thomas. His death came suddenly but thank God we know he was ready to go. Brother Thomas leaves to mourn his departure his dear wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Brother Thomas was a member of the Church of God at Markleysburg, Pa. and was loved by one and all. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. Many people came to see and pay their last respect to our dear brother. His body was laid to rest in the family lot in the Thomas Cemetery to await the resurrection. —Written by one who loved him, his humble pastor, L. T. Langston, Markleysburg, Pa.

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ever abide with Brother Henson is my prayer. —An humble sister under the blood of Christ, Sallie Johnson.

We Cannot Praise God Enough

PARROTT, Va.—We are thanking God for a great revival at this place. We know He has answered prayer. Brother Benjamin Ross came here Nov. 3 and began a meeting that closed Nov. 29. Brother Martin came to assist him on the first Saturday and they surely did preach the Word. It was wonderful to know the Lord worked. Nine professed Christ and three were baptized in water. On Thanksgiving Day the Church of God was set in order by Brother W. B. Davis with an enrollment of nine. The last Sunday four were baptized in water and nine more were added to the church. Brother Martin was called for pastor and accepted. We surely do thank God for sending Brothers Ross and Martin here. Also those who came and helped in service with the music and singing. Brother Black preached one good sermon. We just don't know how to praise God enough. It is so good to feel as one sister said, "We have got back home." We have been so long as sheep without a fold or shepherd to feed them. There was a church here one time but the building burned down and the sheep were scattered. Oh, praise God I believe the words of prophecy that were spoken the morning after the building burned, that God would give us something better. Dear saints, everywhere, pray for us that we may help the Church of God to rise and shine. Pray that we may all be ready to meet Jesus when He comes to catch away His own and hear His welcome voice, "Come up higher. Thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." —Your sister, Fannie Doss, Box 8.

Had The Greatest Revival In History

I used to think the way the people in the Church of God did and spoke in other tongues was all fanaticism, but when I got under conviction and got the Holy Ghost myself I found out that it was not. Glory to God! We shouted and praised God all thru the meeting. The altar was full nearly every night. Surely Jesus is coming soon for the Lord is pouring out His Spirit upon His people.

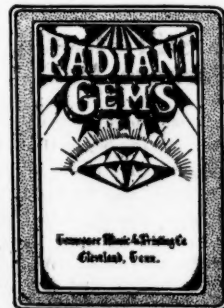
Carson Springs church is coming to the front. We thank the Lord for Brother H. B. Helton, our pastor. He is a wonderful man of God and he knows just how to conduct a service. We had the good brethren and sisters from Sevierville and other Churches of God with us. We shouted, praised God, talked in tongues and danced to the glory of God and the devil had to go. Praise God for ever. I am in the Church of God to stay.

Twenty-one were saved, twenty sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen added to the church, eight baptized in water and more to follow later. I never thought I would be in the Church of God but I am so glad there is a Church of God in this community. There is much unity and love here. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:35. I am one of them. Wife and I are both in the Church of God and will be until Jesus calls us home. Praise God forever. Pray for us. I have a special object of prayer and also ask that you pray for my relatives. They are against this good holy way. —A brother in Jesus' name, Milas Hale, Rt. 7, Dandridge, Tenn.

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